

Analog Design Contest

How to order Sample Devices and Development Tools



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Please read this document carefully!

Deadlines:

- Registration: **February 28th** at 6:00pm (CET).
- Tool and IC Requests: **April 26th** at 6:00pm (CET)
- Project Report Submission: **July 31st** at 6:00pm (CET)

Ordering Sample Devices (ICs) and Evaluation Modules (EVMs):

The process for getting free analog ICs from TI is **different** from the process for getting free evaluation modules.

(1) Ordering Sample Devices (“Chips”, ICs)

We have a broad portfolio of high-performance analog ICs. You can order chips free through our sampling program.

- There are no charges for delivery.
 - Availability: please keep in mind that not every device is available for sampling, and you will find that some items that are listed are “back-ordered”, that is they are not in stock, and there could be a long wait before they are shipped. If you need a device that is not available for sampling, or your first choice is not in stock, try hard to select another that is. Remember that many of the same chips come in multiple packages and selections.
1. Go to: www.ti.com
 2. You need to be registered for [“my.ti.com”](http://my.ti.com), if you do not have this, you will need to create a “my.TI” account.
 3. When you have selected an IC, click on the “Get Free Samples” button on the right.
 4. Select any product designated as a free sample and “Add to Cart”
 5. You can order up to **8** items and up to **5** pieces of each item. Ensure that you change the number of pieces required in the QTY column.
 6. When ordering device samples you will be asked the following questions:
 - **Select your end equipment** – select an answer from the drop down list. Choose a description that is as close to your project as possible.
 - **Select your application**- select an answer from the drop down list which you feel is most relevant.

- **Estimated annual production quantity** –Select Zero (University Class Project).
7. Once completed, proceed to the Checkout. Select the ‘Ship Directly to End Customer’ option.
 8. Make a note of your order number, which is given once the samples have been ordered. You may need this if there are any problems or delays with your order.

For large quantities or more expensive devices, you may be asked to provide a justification for your request. Please state that you are participating in the TI Analog Design Contest and provide a one line summary of your project.

If you are asked for a justification, please also send the order number to:
adceurope@list.ti.com

This will allow us to check that we have your order and to ensure that it is approved for shipment.

We will endeavor to completely fulfill all your requests, but there may be issues like availability, lead-time, and different packages. **So please be flexible, and have in mind alternatives that you could use.**

(2) Ordering Evaluation Modules (EVMs)

The amount you can spend on EVM's is \$100 per team based on TI's prices given on our website. Please ensure before you submit your request that the total cost of your requested development tools is no more than the **\$100** limit.

We do not give this budget of \$100 in cash, so you cannot spend it elsewhere. This budget is to cover **only TI products**: they must have a TI Part Number and must be listed on TI's website.

EVM's are donated directly from TI using the European University Program.

Third Party boards using a TI chip (such as the Beagle Board with the OMAP3530 chip, or an Olimex board with an MSP430) would count towards the three chips target for each project, but are NOT covered by the \$100 - Teams would need to fund these boards themselves.

Teams should make only **one** order for EVMs; this is the best way to be sure you get your first choice tools. This allows us to process your order at one time and we will then be able to monitor that order should any tools not be available or be delayed.

Requests should be sent by e-mail to: adceurope@list.ti.com

All requests must include:

- Team Leader Name – this is the team member who the tools will be shipped to
- University Email of the Team Leader
- University Name
- Project Title
- Full Shipping Address – this is the address where the tools will be shipped to (Street Addresses with a building and number, not PO Boxes)
- Contact telephone number - preferably a Mobile so we can talk to you directly if there are any issues
- Quantity, TI Part Name, TI Part Number, Price and Web link:
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Example: 1 x MSP430 USB Debugging Interface (MSP-FET430UIF) \$99

<http://focus.ti.com/docs/toolsw/folders/print/msp-fet430uif.html>

Please ensure before you submit your request that the total cost of your requested development tools and any chips ordered through the sample service is **no more** than the **\$100**.

Non-EU Participants

Some of TI's tools are subject to export controls, therefore we ask you to take note of the following important conditions:

- You understand and acknowledge that any TI products, software, software source code, technical data and related technology provided by TI pursuant to this program may be subject to U.S. export control laws and regulations, and you agree to comply with all applicable export control laws and regulations.
- You also agree to obtain any necessary export license or other documentation prior to the exportation or re-exportation of any product, technical data, software or software source code acquired from Texas Instruments.
- In the event of an export or re-export you shall secure, at your own expense, such licenses and export documents as are necessary.

For Non- EU Participants, we must point out that shipments of tools could be subject to local import duties and customs clearance charges. **These are your responsibility and such charges will not be paid by TI under any circumstances.**

In order to avoid such charges we recommend the following:

- Use your Professor and your University as the shipping address, rather than your home or lodging address.
- Combine several team requests together and have them shipped to your Professor in one shipment.

- Purchasing the tools you need from a Local Distributor in your country may be easier for some items, and avoids all Import charges.

Help and Guidance – Technical Support

If you require any help or support during your project, you have the following routes:

1. [TI E2E™ Community](#): you can view videos, read blogs, or access our Tech Support Forums.
2. Have a discussion with your advising professor